GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

I&I Department - Public Services – Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe, against Sri D.Venkata Rao, Port Conservator, working in Port Office, Kakinada (now under Suspension) - Suspension reviewed – Reinstatement into service–Orders–Issued.

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENTS (PORTS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.15 Dated: 22.4.2022

Read the following:

Ref: 1)From the DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram Range, Radio Message, Cr.No.0 4 /RC T - RJY /2020, dt. 07.02.2020
2) Govt., Memo No INI01-PORT0ESTT/1/2020 dated 11.02.2020
3)Proceedings, dated 11.02.2020 of Dy.CEO, & Director of Ports, AP.
4)Letter No. Rc.No.17/RCT-REG/2020 dated 26.05.2020 of DG, ACB
5)Hon'ble APHC orders dated 03.03.2021 in WP No.18709 of 2020.
6)From the CEO, APMB Lr.No.CEO/B1/115/2020, Dated 09.03.2021
7) Govt., Memo No INI01-PORT0ESTT/1/2020, dated 13.06.2021
8)C.C No.831/2022 in WP No.18709/2020 filed by Sri D.Venkata Rao, Port Conservator (U/S)
9) Minutes of the Meeting held on 28.03.2022 with the ACB officials to review the suspension cases of Accused Officers related to ACB cases

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ORDER:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Additional Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Rajamahendrapuram Range that a case was registered in Crime No.04/RCT-RJY/2020 u/s 7 (a) of P.C. Act, 1988 of ACB, Rajamahendravaram Range, on 06.02.2020 at 17.50 Hours against the Accused Officer Sri D.Venkata Rao, Port Conservator (Registrations), working in Port Office, Kakinada, East Godavari District and he was trapped when he demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.60,000/-, from the complainant Sri Nanyal Venkata Raksha Gandhi, Kakinada for doing official favour to process the file of the complainant pertaining to Registration of his water barge Sunny Glory and issue regisgtration certificate duly sign by the Port Officer. The Additional Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Rajamahendravaram District has informed that, the Accused Officer was arrested on 06.02.2020 at 23.15 Hrs and produced before the Hon'ble Court of Spl. Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Rajamahendravaram for judicial custody on 07.02.2020 and he was remanded to the judicial custody up to 18.02.2020. He has therefore requested to place the Accused Officer under suspension w.e.f. 07.02.2020, which is the date of his remand to Judicial custody.

2. In the references 2nd and 3rd read above, orders were issued placing the Accused Officer Sri D.Venkata Rao, Port Conservator (Registrations), working in Port Office, Kakinada, East Godavari District under suspension from the date of his detention i.e., 07.02.2020 under Rule 8 (2) (a) of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

3. In the reference 5th read above, Sri D.Venkata Rao, Port Conservator have filed a WP No.18709 of 2020 in Hon'ble APHC and the Hon'ble APHC vide its

orders dated 03.03.2021 have disposed the WP and directed the respondents to review the suspension order after expiry of six months from the date of suspension in terms of G.O.Ms.No.86 GA (Ser.C) Department, dated 08.03.1994 & G.O.Ms.No.526 GA(Ser.C) Department dated 19.08.2008. In the reference 7th read above, Govt. have issued orders to continue the individual AO Sri D.Venkata Rao, Port Conservator under suspension till further orders as per recommendations of the committee. Further the individual Sri D.Venkata Rao, Port Conservator who was under suspension has filed C.C No.831/2022 in WP No.18709/2020 against the respondents for not implementing the Hon'ble APHC orders dated 03.03.2021 in WP No.18709/2020.

4. In the reference 8th read above, the Committee on review of the suspension cases related to Anti Corruption Bureau Cases was held on 28.03.2022 has recommended to reinstate the Accused Officer Sri D.Venkata Rao, Port Conservator, working in Port Office, Kakinada, East Godavari District into service.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to reinstate the Accused Officer Sri D.Venkata Rao, Port Conservator, working in Port Office, Kakinada into service and post him in a far off and in a non-focal post, without prejudice to the ACB Case/ Disciplinary Case pending against him.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby order to reinstate the Accused Officer Sri D.Venkata Rao, Port Conservator, working in Port Office, Kakinada into service and post him in a far off and in a non-focal post, without prejudice to the ACB Case/ Disciplinary Case pending against him.

7. The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board (APMB) shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly and intimate the action taken to the Government.

8. The receipt of the G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board (APMB)
Sri D.Venkata Rao, Port Conservator, O/o Port Office, Kakinada through CEO, APMB.

Copy to:
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat
The Deputy registrar, High Court of AP, Amaravati, Nelapadu, Guntur District
(With reference to the Hon'ble APHC notice in C.C No.831/2022 in WP No.18709/2020)
The Govt. Pleader for I&I Department.
The PS to Spl.C.S., I&I Department.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

B. Venkatarao
SECTION OFFICER